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"(b) Yes, Sir. As there were no requisitions for Guntika blades and wooden plough shares, no supplies were made. Arrangements have since been made by the Agricultural Department to supply the above materials."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Government have arranged for fabrication of agricultural implements before they are placed for sale?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Only certain kinds of agricultural instruments are fabricated."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether 'Guntika' is one of them?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" When the question came up before me I informed the Agriculture Department of it, and I believe they are being fabricated by the Department now and supplied to the people."

Gandikotta Project.

* 54 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the scope of the Gandikotta Project was;

(*b*) whether investigation in respect of it has been completed;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the estimates of cost, quantity of water available, the area irrigated and other particulars are;

(*d*) whether the scope of the project has been altered since the investigation was completed, and if so, in what particulars;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that experts who inspected the site of the dam were completely satisfied and did not foresee any complications;

(*f*) whether gaugings of river flow are being taken now;

(*g*) whether at no time in the past gaugings were not taken to necessitate taking gaugings now;

(*h*) whether the delay in undertaking this scheme which had received a high priority in Post-war Irrigation Schemes is due to the proposed Krishna-Pennar Project;

(*i*) whether the Government at any time decided to undertake the Gandikotta Project but for the appearance of the Krishna-Pennar Project on the scene;

(*j*) what are the comparative benefits of the Krishna-Pennar Project as against those of the Gandikotta Project; and

(*k*) whether in view of the benefits from the Gandikotta Project and the difficulties facing the Krishna-Pennar Project, the Government have considered it desirable to undertake the Gandikotta Project immediately?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Presumably the hon. Member refers to the scope of the project as

originally anticipated. Before any investigation was done, it was expected that about 34,000 m.c.ft. of water per annum would be available for the Gandikotta reservoir and that about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of acres in Cuddapah and Nellore districts could be irrigated under the project.

"(*b*) The investigation by the special staff was completed in 1945, but further investigation was found necessary and this is in progress.

"(*c*) & (*d*) According to the conclusions of **1945**, the estimated cost of the scheme was Rs. 211·5 lakhs, quantity of water available, about 15,000 m.c.ft. and area to be irrigated about 100,000 of acres in the Cuddapah district. After some further investigation, the Superintending Engineer submitted revised proposals in September 1946 according to which the cost would be Rs. 515 lakhs and the storage 35,000 m.c.ft., the irrigable area extending to Cuddapah and Nellore districts. Further alterations with reference to the Kistna-Pennar Project since ordered to be investigated are also possible, but the particulars of those alterations are not yet available."

"(*e*) Only departmental officers visited the dam site and they did foresee certain complications.

"(*f*) Yes.

"(*g*) No gaugings were taken before the investigation ordered in 1943. During that investigation, i.e., in 1944, gaugings were taken and they showed a flow of only 14,600 m.c.ft. though the rainfall was above the average. This figure was not considered reliable in view of the higher discharge at a point down stream.

"(*h*) The delay is not due to the Krishna-Pennar Project only. It is primarily due to the necessity to have reliable figures of flow in the river and further examination to settle the dam site and the kind of foundation. The investigation of the feasibility of taking a canal from the Krishna reservoir of the Krishna-Pennar Project to Gandikotta reservoir is a secondary reason for the delay in coming to a final decision in the matter.

"(*i*) There was no occasion for the Government to come to a final decision in the matter prior to the appearance of the Krishna-Pennar Project on the scene.

"(*j*) The comparative benefits can be known only after the investigation of the schemes is completed.

"(*k*) The question of proceeding with the Gandikotta Project will be considered as soon as its investigation is over."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I take the assurance of the Government that the Gandikotta Project will not be held up on account of the Krishna-Pennar Project?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After the investigation of the Gandikotta Project is completed, the Government will examine all aspects and we might consider even then, whether this project may not be considerably extended. When the Krishna-Pennar Project is pushed through, this project may have to wait, because it is pointed out, that in the case of the Krishna-Pennar Project, if the dam, that is proposed, is to be constructed, then the site of the Gandikotta Scheme will have to be shifted."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of taking up this project, even though the prospect of taking up the Krishna-Pennar Project may be there, and model it in such a way as to link it up with the Krishna-Pennar Project without waiting for that project to fructify? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Engineers advise that it cannot be so modelled as to be taken up first and suit it with the Krishna-Pennar Project."

Ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal.

* 55 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government ordered an enquiry into the localization of ayacut under the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal;

(*b*) what the results of the enquiry are; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take adequate and immediate steps to implement the results of the enquiry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*).—The Special Officer who examined the case has sent his report and no results have yet been arrived at. The report is under consideration by the Government and after they arrive at a decision they will proceed to implement it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long it will take for Government to arrive at a decision, because, I know, the officer was appointed three years back."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" But the report of the officer after examination by the Board of Revenue reached Government only in May 1948. It has raised several issues which have to be examined, as they affect a large number of ryots. Anyhow I can assure the hon. Member we shall come to a decision as early as possible."

Number of spies from Hyderabad detained in the Province.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether any, and if so, how many persons have been arrested or detained (since May 1948, monthwar) on suspicion of being spies or agents of Hyderabad?